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SO
I WONDER
WHERE
SHOULD
I START.

IT'S
NECESSARY
TO TELL A
STORY FROM
THE START
IN ORDER
FOR IT TO
END.

EVERY
STORY
HAS A
BEGINNING

WHEN IT WAS
DELIMITED
THE CONDITIONS
TO BECOME
A STORY?

OR IS IT WHEN
SOMEONE
DECIDES TO
TELL THE STORY?

HOW
DOES A
STORY
ACTUALLY
START?

OR FROM
THE DAY MY
PARENTS
DIED?

IF I FEEL
LIKE IT, I
COULD START
FROM THE
MOMENT I
WAS BORN.

OR EVEN
FROM THE
DAY THEY
DIED
THE DAY THEY
WERE BORN
I CAN EVEN
START WITH
MY GRAND-
PARENTS...

I CAN
GO AS
FAR BACK
AS I
WANT.

I WANT
TO
KNOW
WHAT
DAY?

IF
THAT'S
THE
CASE...

THE
START
FOR MY
STORY









THE GIRL
WITH JEWEL
EYES THAT
SEEM TO
SWALLOW
YOU WHOLE.

MARY
YURAKI.

THE FIRST
PERSON
I EVER
KISSED.



THAT'S THE
REGULARITY
SHE
ABSOLUTELY
HAS TO
LIVE WITH



MARY YURAKI
SEES HUMANS
AS ROBOTS.



HER
FRIEND.

AND
I AM



I BELIEVE
OUR
ENCOUNTER

WAS
THE START
FOR EVERY
STORY.





SHE
HAD KNOWN
YUKARI SINCE
KINDERGARTEN

THIS IS
TEN-KOU
NANAMI



BECAUSE THAT
HER FACE
SHOWED NO
EMOTIONS
WHATSOEVER

YUKARI
DIDN'T SMILE
AS A CHILD,



WHICH MEANS
YUKARI HAD
NEVER BEEN A
'NANAMI FACIAL
EXPRESSION'.
SHE DIDN'T
KNOW HOW TO
CHANGE HER
EXPRESSION
ACCORDING
TO DIFFERENT
EMOTIONS

SHE
DIDN'T
EVEN
KNOW
ABOUT
THEIR
EXISTENCE

YUKARI GROW
UPWARD AS
POWERS, AND
MOST POWERS
LACK THE
ABILITY TO
CHANGE FACIAL
EXPRESSIONS







!!

YES,
LIKE
THAT!



Just like
that

DO YOU
ARE ABLE
TO DO IT



EVERY AS A CHILD MANAME COULD REALIZE THAT, SO SHE TRIED TO HELP HER IN HER OWN BODY

YUKARI DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT FACIAL EXPRESSIONS, BUT SHE DID HAVE EMOTIONS



AT THE TIME...



LATE THAT ACCIDENT OCCURRED...



AFTER THAT,
KAGAKI
REVENTED
HURLED
AND WAS
CONVINCEDLY
DRILL TO HER

KAGAKI
REVENTED
HURLED
AND WAS
CONVINCEDLY
DRILL TO HER



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HURLED
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CONVINCEDLY
DRILL TO HER

KAGAKI
REVENTED
HURLED
AND WAS
CONVINCEDLY
DRILL TO HER



I ALSO
LOST MY
LEFT ARM
IN AN
INCIDENT

I CAN'T SAY
I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
HOW SOMEONE
FELT



BUT
I WON'T SAY
ANYONE JUST
FOR THAT

WAS
RESPONSIBLE
FOR ME

USING
MY OWN
CELLPHONE



WE ENDED UP
BEING IN COMBAT
SITUATIONS, AS
PEOPLE WITH
ARMS THAT
DON'T BELONG
TO THEM

THAT MUST
BE WHY
MAYBE
STARTED
TALKING TO
ME ABOUT
VIOLENCE
THOUGH
APPARENTLY



WORDS ARE ALL ABOUT HOW
A PICTURE IS WORTH
A THOUSAND WORDS.

IN MY OPINION,

NEVER
HEARD
OF IT.

YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT THE
FRACTION?



HOW
DO YOU KNOW
WHAT "QUALITY"
ARE?



YOU CAN
WRITE A THOUSAND
WORDS ABOUT IT
AND FAIL TO CONVEY
WHAT YOU MEAN,
YET JUST ONE
PICTURE WOULD
BE ENOUGH.

AND THOSE
"PICTURES"
ARE QUALITY.

YES,
FOR EXAMPLE,
NO MATTER HOW
MUCH KNOWLEDGE
ABOUT THE COLOR BLUE
YOU POSSESS, THERE
ARE THINGS YOU CAN
ONLY UNDERSTAND
WHEN YOU SEE IT
FOR REAL.

AND NO MATTER
HOW MUCH YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE COLOR
"BLUE", YOU CAN NEVER
BUY YOU KNOW IT
UNLESS YOU'VE
SEEN IT.

BEFORE
WE FELT
WE HAD
TO TALK
ABOUT IT.

WE HAD
A SERIOUS
DISCUSSION
ABOUT THIS
SUBJECT.





RIGHT
HUMAN, WHEN
EVERYTHING THAT
EXISTS IN THE
WORLD IS MADE
OF A PARTICLE
CALLED 'QUANTUM'

SO A
QUANTUM
IS THE
SMALLEST
UNIT OF A
PHYSICAL
OBJECT

WE ALSO
TALKED ABOUT
'QUANTUM' AND
'SQUARED-WAVE
CAP'



DO YOU
GET WHAT THE
MEANT ITS BOTH
A 'MATERIAL WITH
SUBSTANCE' AND AN
'ENERGY WITHOUT
SUBSTANCE'?

AND THE
QUANTUM ENTITY
HAS 'WAVE'
PROPERTIES
EVEN THOUGH
IT'S ALSO A
'PARTICLE'.

AND ONCE
IT IS A WAVE,
IT HAS NO
PERMANENT STATE
IT EXISTS AS
A PROBABILITY
THE QUANTUM
APPEARS FROM
THAT PROBABILITY
DENSITY



THAT'S
HOW WE CAN
ONLY THINK IN
TERMS OF
PROBABILITIES
BECAUSE IT
WOULDN'T BEEN
OBSERVED

ONCE
IT IS FINALLY
OBSERVED,
ITS STATE IS
DECIDED

THAT'S
THE QUANTUM
PROPERTY



IT SHOWS IF
THE PROBABILITY IS
HIGH OR LOW
THE QUANTUM STATE
WON'T DEFINITE UNTIL
IT IS OBSERVED

PROBABILITY
DENSITY

AND I
DON'T MEAN
WE DON'T
KNOW ITS
STATE, IT
REALLY WON'T
BEEN DEFINED
UNTIL IT IS
OBSERVED







ON A
MACROSCOPIC
LEVEL THAT
LOGIC DOESN'T
APPLY, AND
THINKING
OTHERWISE
IS A MISTAKE!

THAT
A QUANTUM
PRESENTS
MYSTERIOUS
PROPERTIES,
HOWEVER
THAT'S ONLY
VALID IN THE
MICRO-WORLD.

THE WHOLE
POINT OF THIS
EXPERIMENT
IS TO SHOW



IF THAT'S
THE TRUE NATURE
OF A QUANTUM, THEN
WE TOO ONLY EXIST AS
A PROBABILITY
AS LONG AS WE AREN'T
BEING OBSERVED.

IF THOSE
MYSTERIOUS
PROPERTIES AREN'T
VERIFIED IN THE
MACRO-WORLD, THEN
SOMETHING'S
STRANGE

THAT'S WHAT
SCHRÖDINGER'S
CAT MEANS



YOU
SURE?

NOT AS A
PROBABILITY, BUT
AS A CERTAINLY.
WE WON'T
DISAPPEAR
JUST BECAUSE
SOMEONE'S
NOT WATCHING
US.

DO YOU
REALLY
NEED
TO ASK?

WHAT?
BUT WE
DEFINITELY
DO EXIST.



BUT
THE PHYSICISTS
AT COPENHAGEN
DIDN'T AGREE.



BUT
YOU'RE RIGHT,
THAT'S WHAT
SCHRÖDINGER
WAS TRYING
TO SAY.

AND SO,
THE IDEA OF
A QUANTUM
EXISTING AND
NOT EXISTING
SIMULTANEOUSLY
IS ALSO
BECOMING.

A CAT THAT'S
BOTH ALIVE AND
DEAD AT THE
SAME TIME
ISN'T POSSIBLE.



IT'S SAID
SCHRÖDINGER
STOPPED
BEING A
PHYSICIST IN
HIS LATE YEARS
BECAUSE OF THIS.

AND THAT'S
STILL THE
MOST
COMMON
INTERPRETATION
NOWADAYS.

HE DIDN'T
APPROVE
OF HIS OWN
SCHRÖDINGER
EQUATION.

IT'S
BASIC
IF TRUE.



THEY SAID THAT,
JUST LIKE HOW
A QUANTUM ONLY
EXISTS AS A PROBABILITY,
THE CAT CAME IN
ONLY A THOUGHT
EXPERIMENT THAT
CAN'T BE PROVEN
TO BE WRONG.

THEY BELIEVED THAT
PHYSICALLY PERFORMING
THE EXPERIMENT WOULD
BE POSSIBLE IF THEY
MANAGED TO GET RID OF
ALL EXTERNAL AGENCIES,
LIKE HEAT AND
VIBRATIONS.



IF WE
WERE ALIVE
OR DEAD
AS SOON AS
SOMEONE
STARTED
WATCHING
LID?

THAT IF NO
EXTERNAL
AGENT COINED,
WE'D HAVE
NO MEANS
TO KNOW

WAIT

ARE YOU
SAYING WE'D
KNOW THAT
EXIST AS A
PROBABILITY?



THIS
IS CALLED
THE WAVE
FUNCTION
COLLAPSE,
BY THE
WAY.

WHEN IT COMES
TO IT, WE CAN'T
EVEN DEFINE
THE OBSERVATION
OF A QUANTUM
STATE.

NO ONE
KNOWS THE
ONLY THING WE
KNOW IS THAT
QUANTA ONLY
APPEAR AS A
PROBABILITY.



WHAT IF
OUTSIDE THAT
BOX THERE'S
NOT ANOTHER
PERSON THAT'S
ALSO MADE
A BOX?

WHAT IF
THE PERSON
WHO OPENED
THE LID IS
WITHIN AN
EVEN BIGGER
BOX?

WHEN
THE CAT
FEELS
SOMETHING?

THE MOMENT
THE LID WAS
OPENED?

WHEN
THE MALE
HE SAW
TEACHES
LMS SOUND?

WHEN
THE PERSON
WHO OPENS
THE LID
SEES
THE CAT?

USING
SCHRÖDINGER'S
CAT AS AN
EXAMPLE, WHEN
DOES THE
OBSERVATION
OCCUR?

WHEN IS
THE LIFE OR
DEATH OF
THE CAT
CONSIDERED?

ONLY
WHEN
THE LAST
PERSON
OPENS
THE LID?



SO WHY
CAN'T WE
COMPARE
THEM IN
THE MACRO
WORLD?

WE MIGHT
EVEN BE ABLE
TO COMPARE
THEM IN
VERBOS.

IN THE
MICRO-WORLD,
A QUANTUM CERTAINLY
IS A MYSTERIOUS
ENTITY WITH WAVE
AND PARTICLE
PROPERTIES.

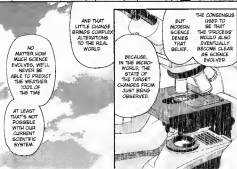
WE'RE ALSO
ABLE TO COMPARE
THOSE PROPERTIES
IN MOLECULES
MADE OF THOSE
QUANTA.



ONLY THE
'RESULT'
IS CLEAR.

WHEN'S THE
EXACT MOMENT
THAT PHENOMENON
OCCURS? THERE
ARE MANY
THEORIES, BUT
NO REAL
ANSWER.

IF THEIR STATE
REALLY IS DECIDED
WHEN OBSERVED,
AND IF THE
'WAVE FUNCTION
COLLAPSE' REALLY
EXISTS.



NO
MATTER HOW
MUCH SCIENCE
INVOLVED, WE'LL
NEVER BE
ABLE TO PREDICT
THE WEATHER
100% OF
THE TIME.

AT LEAST
THAT'S NOT
POSSIBLE
WITH OUR
CURRENT
SCIENTIFIC
SYSTEM.

AND THAT
LITTLE CHANGE
BRINGS COMPLEX
ALTERATIONS
TO THE REAL
WORLD.

BECAUSE,
IN THE MICRO-
WORLD, THE
STATE OF THE
TARGET
CHANGES FROM
JUST BEING
OBSERVED.

BUT
MODERN
SCIENCE
DENIES THAT
BELIEF.

THE CONSENSUS
USED TO BE THAT
THE 'PROCESS'
WOULD ALSO
EVENTUALLY
BECOME CLEAR
AS SCIENCE
EVOLVED.



YOU SEE,
THERE'S
ALSO
ANOTHER
EXPLANATION
FOR ALL
THIS...

OUR WORLD
IS EARLY
PERTURBED
BY VARIOUS
FACTORS.

I KNOW
THIS HAS
BEEN A LONG
SAIT, BUT ALL
I MEANT TO
SAY IS:



AND SINCE THEY'RE
INTERFERING WITH
EACH OTHER AT A
MICROSCOPIC LEVEL,
THEY CREATE THE
ILLUSION THAT
QUANTA EXIST
AS PROBABILITIES.

ONE THAT
SAID A QUANTUM
DOESN'T EXIST
AS A PROBABILITY,
AND ITS STATE
ISN'T DECIDED
UNTIL
OBSERVED.

HOWEVER,
THIS UNIVERSE
HAS AN INFINITE
NUMBER OF
PARALLEL
WORLDS.



THE QUANTUM
INTERFERES WITH
ITS PARALLEL
SELVES AND
DISPLAYS THAT
WEIRD
BEHAVIOR.

AND WHEN
THE 'QUANTUM
DECIDEMENT'
OCCURS, ITS
STATE IS
DECIDED.

WORLDS
THAT ARE
FOR THE
MOST PART
THE SAME,
YET SLIGHTLY
DIFFER FROM
OURS.

THAT'S
RIGHT,
PARALLEL
WORLDS.

PARALLEL
WORLDS
...?



WE ALSO
EXIST IN AND
INTERFERE WITH
THOSE INFINITE
WORLDS.

EVEN IF
WE'RE ONLY ABLE
TO OBSERVE OUR
OWN WORLD.

THERE'S
JUST
AN INFINITE
NUMBER
OF WORLDS
WHERE IT IS
EITHER DEAD
OR ALIVE.

FOLLOWING
THIS LINE OF
THOUGHT, THE
FATE OF THE CAT
INSIDE THE BOX
HAS BEEN
DECIDED FROM
THE START.



THIS ISN'T
SOME JOKE,
THIS IS BEING
SERIOUSLY
DISCUSSED
IN SCIENTIFIC
CIRCLES.

CAN YOU
BELIEVE
THAT WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT
PARALLEL
WORLDS
HERE?



THE MANY-
WORLDS
INTERPRETATION
WAS ALSO THE
BASIC FOR
QUANTUM
COMPUTERS.

THE
COPENHAGEN
INTERPRETATION
EXPLAINS
IT WITH
THE "WAVE
FUNCTION
COLLAPSE".

WE DON'T
KNOW WHICH
ONE IS RIGHT,
BUT THE TWO
ARE POSSIBLE
EXPLANATIONS.

WHILE
THE MANY-
WORLDS
INTERPRETATION
COOLING
IT WITH
PARALLEL
WORLDS.



THIS
IS THE
WORLD WE
LIVE IN.

THIS
ISN'T
SCIENCE
FICTION.



AND THEN
GET REJECTED.

IF THERE'S
SOMEONE OUT
THERE LISTENING
ABOUT AN ABOLISH-
SCHOOLBELL MOVING
THIS CONVERSATION,
THEY'D BE DEAD.



BEFORE
THEY YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND
HOW WE FEEL.

OR MISSING
YOUR LEFT ARM
REATTACHED
USING CELL-
PHONE PARTS.



TRY
HOLDING YOUR
WHOLE BODY
APPROXIMATELY
WITH JUNKIE
GIVE PARTS.



AND IF WE GO BY
THE MIND-WORLDS
INTERPRETATION,
SHE'D BEING US
FROM A BETTER
WORLD WHERE
WE'RE ROBOTS.

SO IF WE GO BY
THE CONTEMPORARY
INTERPRETATION,
WHEN SHE OBSERVES
HUMANITY AND THE
"I'VE FUNCTION
COLLAPSE" OCCURS,
THEY BECOME
ROBOTS TO HER.



MYSTERY
HUMANITY
EYES ARE
RELATED
TO THIS.

SO,
THAT
ROBOT.

SHE
DOESN'T
RESEMBLE
A
ROBOT.



IT'S
JUST OUR
KNOWLEDGE
THAT MAKES
US THINK
IT'S WEIRD

MADE'S
POWER
MIGHT
BE ONLY BE
NATURAL
IF WE
THINK
LIKE
THIS

SHE
UNDERSTANDS
YUKARI'S
WISH
ONLY THING
TO HELP
HER

TEALOU
STILL LOVES
YUKARI AND
THINKS OF
HER AS A
FRIEND

BUT IF SHE
ACCEPTS YUKARI'S
VISION, SHE ALSO
HAS TO ACCEPT
HALF OF HER
BODY IS MADE
OF JUNGLE
GUM PARTS

IF WHAT
YUKARI
SAID IS
TRUE,
HALF OF
TEALOU'S
BODY IS
MADE OF
STEEL

I SEE

ANYONE A
MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT COULD
AND TO HELP
HER UNDERSTAND
AND ACCEPT
WHAT HAPPENED
TO HER

SHE EVEN
LOOKED UP
STUFF LIKE
SCIENCE AND
QUANTUM
PHYSICS

EVEN SO,
MADE'S WISH
TRYING HER
BEST TO
ACCEPT
REALITY



WITH A LITTLE
MORE TIME,
NANAMI
COULD'VE
RECOVERED
FROM HER
PAST TRAUMA.

I SHOULDN'T
BE THAT CRUEL
SAYING IT, BUT
MY OWN
EXPERIENCE
MIGHT HAVE
BEEN A HUGE
FACTOR TO
THAT.

AND
EVEN BECAME
FRIENDS WITH
YUKIO AGAIN,
LIKE IN THE
OLD DAYS.

IF ONLY
YUKIO HADN'T
TRANSFERRED
SCHOOLS...

SINCE I WAS ABLE TO
ACCEPT MYSELF AFTER
BEING REJECTED BY
YUKIO, NANAMI ALSO
BEGAN TO ACCEPT WHAT
HAPPENED TO HER.



WE ENDED UP IN
THE SAME CLASS,
BUT WE MIGHT
HAVE FELT GUILTY
CONVICTION IN
OUR HEARTS, SO
WE HANCED
EACH OTHER

AND THAT'S
HOW OUR
SHORT-LIVED
RELATIONSHIP
CAME TO
AN END.

AFTER
YUKIO HADN'T
ARRIVED, WE
STOPPED
TALKING TO
EACH OTHER.

YUKIO
AND I HAD
CONNECTED
AS TWO.



ELEVEN YEARS FROM THE PRESENT POINT, MARI AND HIDEKI ARE FEARED OLD

BUT IN A CERTAIN WORLD, WE MET FEARED LATER IN A CLASS RELATION



I HAD BECOME A FREELANCE WRITER

SURPRISINGLY, MARIANNE HAD BECOME A POPULAR YOUNG ACTRESS



I DRESSED THE AFTER-NOON AND INVITED MARIANNE TO MY PLACE



DO YOU REMEMBER ME?

MARIANNE CAME UP TO ME AND CAREFULLY ASKED



MURRAY
AND I USED
TO STAY
AT EACH
OTHER'S
PLACE ALL
THE TIME.

BUT THEN
READ THE
FIRST TIME
MURRAY
CAME TO
MY PLACE.



WOW,
YOU
KNEW?

WE
WERE
TRYING
TO HIDE
IT...



YOU
DATED
KASOBU
IN OUR
THIRD YEAR,
DIDN'T YOU?

ABOUT
THAT...



TO TELL YOU
THE TRUTH,
KASOBU
TOLD ME
HE'D HEARD'S
GUSH.

WELL,
I'LL TALK
ABOUT
ANY OTHER
OTHER
THAT.



AH, NO,
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
THAT.

IT WAS
PRETTY CLEAR
TO EVERYONE.
AH, MAYBE
I SHOULDN'T
HAVE
TOLD YOU
TODAY?

KASOBU
WAS THERE
TOO...





SO THAT
IT'S MORE
CONVENIENT
TO THEM, SO
THAT THEY
CAN PROTECT
THEMSELVES

THEY
CAN
ACTIVE
THEIR
OWN
POWER

HUMANS
CAN EASILY
ACCEPT
THEIR
AGONY



SHE TURNED
IT INTO
SOMETHING
SHE COULD
ACCEPT.

YOU
COULD SAY
SHE'S
RE-OBSERVED
HER OWN
PAIN.



THEY
WEREN'T
THEY WERE
ANYONE

BEING
REPLACED BY A
"FUNNY KID"
AND BECAME
A JOKER

HUMANS
FIND THE
JUNGLE
BORN ACCIDENT



IF THERE WAS
SOMEONE WHO
COULDN'T BLAME
HIMSELF FOR
FORGETTING HER
PAIN, IT WAS
HER ...

I HAD
NO ROAD
TO

I WAS
SOMEONE
OBLIVIOUS, BUT I
WOULDN'T
FORGET.



WHO
KNOWS



OH,
RIGHT. SHE
TRANSFERRED
AFTER OUR
SECOND
YEAR.

I
WONDER
WHAT
SHE'S
DOING
NOW.

HOW
THAT YOU
RENTON.
MADE-GLAY
WENT
THERE.



IT'S
WEIRD NOW
WE'RE
CHATTING
LIKE THIS
NOW. . .

EVEN
THOUGH WE
DON'T TALK
MUCH BACK
THEN.

WE
NEVER REALLY
TALKED TO
EACH OTHER
WHEN WE
ENDED UP
IN THE SAME
CLASS.

I KNOW,
RIGHT?

IT
WAS
TRUE





WE
COULD'VE
BECOME
GOOD
FRIENDS



I'M
SORRY
THAT
BROKE
THAT



IF ONLY
KUNOJI HAD
STAYED
THERE...

IF ONLY
PERKINS
HADN'T
REARRANGED
JESSIE

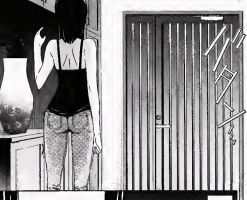


THAT MUST
HAVE BEEN THE
LAST TIME WE
SAW PERKINS,
SHE COULD BE
ANYWHERE
NOW

I DIDN'T
EVEN FEEL
GUILT OR
REGRET, YOU
COULD
ACTUALLY
SAY I WAS
RELIEVED.

WAAAAH
FORGETTING
PERKINS
DIDN'T
UPSET ME





SO FEEL
FREE TO
CALL ME

THAT'S
RIGHT,
FRIENDS.
KUNO
WAS THE
ONE WHO
INTRODUCED
US TO
EACH
OTHER...

AND
THAT'S
HOW...

BUT I WILL
NEVER FORGET
KUNO...



*I HAVE
NO NEED
FOR SUCH
WORLD.*





I BITTER
TALK ABOUT
EVERYTHING
IN THE RIGHT
ORDER, DID IT
DOESN'T
CONFUSE
ANYONE.

I BEGAN
TO HAVE
JUMPS
AHEAD
IN MY
STORY...



THAT
HAPPENED
AFTER
SUMMER
BREAK.

THE DAY
THE SECOND
SCHOOL
TERM
STARTED,

AN
OVERSEAS
STUDENT
TOOK OVER-
ROD TO
OUR CLASS.

リズ

I'M PROBABLY
STANDING FOR
JUST A SHORT
WHILE, BUT
I'M PLEASED
TO MEET YOU

I AM
ALICE
FOYLE

HELLO,
PEOPLE
FROM
JAPAN

HEH
...?

TO
MEETING
YOU

I WAS
REALLY
LOOKING
FORWARD

ESPECIALLY
YOU, MISS
YUKARI-GIRL

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WAS
THE RECK
IS SHIT



A GIRL WITH
GOLDEN HAIR AND
JEWEL EYES,
LOOKING FOR
ALL THE WORLD
LIKE SHE WAS
STRIPPED OUT OF
A FAIRY TALE

AT THE TIME,
SHE WAS
ONLY ELEVEN,
JUST A CHILD

HER NAME
WAS ALICE
FOYLE

BUT AT THE
SAME TIME A
FRODO BAGGINS
HAD ALREADY
CONSULATED FROM
MIDDLE
EARTH
SCHOOL







I DON'T
RELIEVE IT!
WHY DON'T
WE SEE SOME
PROOFS?

SO I HEAR THAT
YOU'RE LIKE MARI
IN THAT YOU SEE
SOLUTIONS AS
PROOFS?



HERE'S
THE
QUESTION!

YOU PEOPLE
CAN'T
UNDERSTAND
ANYTHING,
CAN YOU?

WHAT A
JOKE



CHIEF'S
PLAY



ASSUME A IS A
NON-ZERO REAL
NUMBER, FIND THE
VALUE OF A THAT
GIVES THE SMALLEST
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
THE MANUAL AND
ANALOG FOR THE
FOLLOWING FUNCTION:
 $\sqrt{100+9A^2}-4A+2A^2$



HERE,
DONE







WHY?
NOT
DONE
YET!



TOH



JAPANESE
UNIVERSITY'S
DON'T
DESERVE
ANYTHING
MORE THAN
THIS PICTURE



SHE...
SHE GOT
THEM ALL
RIGHT...

AWESOME,
ALICE!



FOR EVERY
POSITIVE
REAL
NUMBER
X...

$\frac{1}{2}$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

HER FIRST
GIFT IS THE
"PERSPECTIVE"
ONE ARE ON
MATH

ALICE SEND
SQUARED
AN PICTURE



WHICH IS
ADMITTEDLY HARD TO
WRAP YOUR HEAD
AROUND...
JUST THINK OF IT LIKE
THIS: ALICE CAN FORM
EQUATIONS BY DRAWING
PICTURES

ALICE IS CAPABLE
OF CALCULATING
ANYTHING FROM
BASIC ADDITION
TO DIFFICULT
CONCEPTS LIKE WAVE
FUNCTIONS, SIMPLY
BY TURNING THEM
INTO PICTURES AND
WORKING ON
INSTINCT



I'M NOT SURE
WHAT TIME IS
SUPPOSED TO
MEAN EXACTLY,
BUT I'M SURE
IT'S SOMETHING
INCREDIBLE

ON TOP OF THAT,
ALICE HAD ATTRACTED
ATTENTION BASED ON
THE FACT THAT SHE
WASNT BE ABLE
TO OFFER A NEW
APPROACH TO A
COMPLETE THEORY OF
EVERYTHING

EVEN THE PHD
PROBLEM IS NO
MATCH FOR ME,
ASSURING THEY
EVER MAKE A
QUANTUM
COMPUTER

YOU COULD
CALL IT THE
DREAM OF
EVERY
SCIENTIST,
A "HOLY" OF
SCIENCE

ITS DISCOVERY
COULD MEAN
THAT WE WOULD
FINALLY BE ABLE
TO EXPLAIN THE
MYSTERIOUS
ACTIONS OF
QUANTA AND
UNLOCKER THE
SECRETS OF THE
UNIVERSE'S
CREATION

ALSO KNOWN AS
THE SILVER UNIFIED
THEORY, THE THEORY
OF EVERYTHING
WOULD MAKE IT
POSSIBLE TO
DESCRIBE ALL
FORCES IN THE
NATURAL WORLD IN A
UNIFIED MANNER

THEORY
OF
EVERY-
THING





LET'S
TALK-CHU!

HOW COULD I
BE FRIENDS
WITH SOMEONE
WITH PRETTY
EYES LIKE
ALICE? IT'S BETTER
TO BE CLOSE
TO SOMEONE!

WHY? I
DON'T... DON'T
COULD BE IN
ALONG WITH
MAY!

MAY



YOU COULD
BEFORE BUT
THEY ARE
ACTUALLY
HATED THEM

ARE YOU
GAIN ONE

ALICE HATED IT
NO SECRET
THAT SHE THOUGHT
VERY LITTLE OF
"PEOPLE" - PEOPLE
WITHOUT TALENT



THE FACT THAT
ALICE HATED LIKE
THIS WHILE SHE
WAS STILL SO
YOUNG MEANS IT
CLEAR THAT HER
PAST HAD ITS
FAIR SHARE OF
TRAGEDY

A CHILD WITH
TALENTS THAT
FAR EXCEEDS THOSE
OF ADULTS WILL
NATURALLY FIND
THEMSELVES A
TARGET OF
DISCRIMINATION
FROM SOCIETY
AS A WHOLE

OF COURSE,
THIS ISN'T
EXACTLY AN
UNCOMMON
TRAIT AMONG
GENIUSES



BUT I CAN'T
HELP BUT FEEL
THAT'S EXACTLY
WHY I CAN'T
STAY ALONE
HERE

MAH! I'M
JUST BEING
CRAZY!



SCARS, WHAT
I'M ABOUT
TO SAY IS
IRRELEVANT

KNOWING
THAT SHE
WAS STILL A
CHILD



WITH NO
CHOICE BUT
TO QUIETLY
DISAPPEAR

THEY
REMAIN HIDDEN
FROM SOCIETY

WE'RE LUCKY,
IN COMPARISON,
SINCE WE WERE
ABLE TO MEET
LIKE THIS



IT'S JUST
THAT THEIR
TALENTS REMAIN
UNKNOWN, LIKE
YOURS

THERE
ARE MORE
CHILDREN LIKE
US OUT
THERE

ANY?



FINALLY
HAVING THEIR
SLIP OF
POSSIBILITY
STAMPED OUT
ENTIRELY

A
TARGET
OF
JEALOUSY
AND
HATRED



SOMEONE WITH A
MONUMENTAL TALENT
CAPABLE OF
CONQUERING THE
WORLD, YET
MISUNDERSTOOD
BY THE PEOPLE
AROUND THEM

I'M
SURE IT'S
HAPPENED
BEFORE -



IT'S
IT'S A LE-EXISTENCE
STRAITS ORGANIZA-
TION OR- PUBLIC
TION OR- FOR A
CEIVING MEMBER OF
GOVERNMENT AND REASONS, BUT

JAINT IS AN
ORGANIZATION
CREATED TO
PROTECT AND
EDUCATE SUCH
CHILDREN

IT'S
SMALL-SCALE,
BUT THERE'S
EVEN A
SCHOOL



I SUPPOSE
IT'S EASIER TO
PICTURE IF I
JUST CALL IT
"TELEPORTATION"

ORIGINALLY,
THE TERM
"JAINT"
REFERS TO A
SUPERPOWER
APPEARING IN A
BOOK BY ALFRED
BENTON

JAINT - THE
ABILITY TO
TRANSPORT A HUMAN
BEING TO ANY
LOCATION
INSTANTANEOUSLY
WITH TELEMETRIC
POWERS



AND SO
"JAINT"
REPRESENTS A NEW
PATH
TOWARD
THE
FUTURE

HUMANS
USE THE
POWER OF
"JAINT" TO
BREAK OUT
OF THEIR
STAGNANT
EXISTENCE
AND STRIVE
TOWARD NEW
HEIGHTS

THE SYMBOL
OF AN
UNDERSTANDING
THREAT FOR
KNOWLEDGE
AND POWER

BUT IT'S NOT
MERELY THE ABILITY
TO TELEPORT - THE
CONCEPT OF A
"JAINT" IS A
METAPHOR FOR
SOCIAL
ADVANCEMENT



Completely forgot it





LATER, I
WOULD
COME TO
LEARN A
FEW
THINGS
ABOUT
ALICE

FOR EXAMPLE,
THE COUNTRY
"POLIT" WAS
KNOWN TO HER
BY DAUNT'S
CURRENT
CHAIRMAN

AND EVEN HER
FIRST NAME,
"ALICE," WAS
SOMEONE WHO
CAME UP WITH ON
HER OWN, NOT
THE NAME HER
PARENTS GAVE
HER



ON THE DAY
SHE WAS PICKED
UP BY DAUNT
AND HER
WORLD
CHANGED, SHE
DECIDED TO
GIVE HERSELF
A NEW NAME

SHE LIKELY
TOOK THE NAME
FROM ALICE IN
WONDERLAND,
NOTING THAT SHE
TOO COULD BECOME
A GOLDEN-HAIRED
ONE. LIKE ONE
FROM CHILDREN'S
LITERATURE

I DIDN'T REALIZE
THIS UNTIL
LATER, BUT HER
HAIR WOULDN'T
NATURALLY
BECOME - SHE
SIMPLY DIED IT
FROM BLACK



ARE YOU AN
EXPERT ON
SUCH THINGS,
TINKLEUP?

I DON'T
BUY IT

IF NOT,
PLEASE DO
BE DAUNT

SOUNDS
LIKE AN ID
FOR A NEW
AGE CULT OR
SOMETHING



NOT THAT
I'M NOT USED
TO BASELESS
DISCRIMINATION
BY NOW

YOU PEOPLE
ARE SO QUICK
TO STEK A LINE
ON ANYTHING YOU
DON'T WANT TO
UNDERSTAND

YOU
SHOULD BE
ASHAMED



DON'T
TOUCH
ME!

A GENIUS
LIKE YOU
SHOULD
REALIZE
IT'S NOT
BASELESS!

YOU
DARN
GENIUS
GIRL!



IF YOU'LL
ALLOW ME
TO MAKE AN
EXCUSE!

I THINK IT
WAS JUST BAD
TIMING, FOR
BOTH OF US
AND MYSELF

THIS
IS THE
LIBRARY!
QUIET
DOWN!

OUT IT
OUT,
THANKS!

WAA!
TEN-
CHAN!



OF
COURSE,
BUT I
JUST
HADN'T
FINISHED
PROCESS-
ING IT ALL
YET, BUT
STILL...

IT'S LIKE TO
THINK I HAD
RECOVERED FROM
THE SHOCK OF
BEING ASSAULTED
AND HAVING MY
LEFT HAND
"REMOVED"

AFTER ALL, THIS
WAS TODAY AFTER
I HAD FOUND
MYSELF ASSED UP
IN THE MURDER
HUNTER CASE



SHE MANAGED
TO COMPLETELY
"REJECT" MY
DEVELOPED ARM
WITHIN A DAY

SOMETHING
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR MODERN
MEDICAL
SCIENCE

VERONICA'S
POWER WENT
BEYOND
SIMPLY SEEING
AROUND AN
OBJECT

APPROX-
IMATELY
HOW
WENT
THROUGH A
PERIOD
LIKE THAT
BUT...

I DIDN'T
FINISH
FORGETTING
FOR TAKING
CARE OF THE
MURDERER OR
TRY TO PUNISH
HER JUST
FROM ME



DON'T
FORGET THE
"MISSION" SHE
BROUGHT
WITH HER...



BEFORE
THAT, SHE
DISCOVERED
THE IDENTITY
OF THE
MURDERER
JUST FROM
PHOTO





A "GENIUS" IS
SOMEONE WHO
CAN DISPLAY THE
ABILITY TO
CHANGE THE
WORLD ITSELF

PEOPLE WHO
ARE MERELY
INTELLIGENT
AREN'T CALLED
"GENIUSES"

I COULDN'T
HELP BUT THINK
THAT KUSATO'S
TALENT WAS
SOMEWHAT
VALUABLE



ONLY A
FEW
BELIEVED
THAT

A SINGLE
PERSON IS
CAPABLE
OF CHANGING
THE WORLD

SCIENCE,
LITERATURE, ART,
MUSIC, EVEN
POLITICS... EVERY
FIELD HAD BEEN
REVOLUTION IN THE
FORM OF A "GENIUS"



THEY'RE
NECESSARY
TO CHANGE
THE WORLD

GENIUSES
ARE MORE
THAN
CAPABLE



BUT WHAT
DID DO FOR
MAYBE AND ARE
IF UNDESIRABLY
REAL

UNLIKE A
HARD
"PROSECUTIVE" IT
CAN BE
REFLECTED

IT
CAN BE
PROVEN



SO FAR THERE'S
BEEN NO ONE TO LIVE
A NORMAL LIFE,
BEING WRITTEN
OFF AS NOTHING
MORE THAN A
HEAD CASE.

PEOPLE
CLAIM THAT ONE
NEED PEOPLE
AS REASONS AS
IMPOSSIBLE TO
PROVE
COLLECTIVELY



AND IF HER
POWER WERE
DETERMINED, I'M
SURE IT WOULD
COUNT AS A
SCIENTIFIC
REVOLUTION

IF PEOPLE
LEARNED OF PEACE'S
HIDDEN SECRETS, THE
WORLD WOULD
PROBABLY GO
INTO PANIC









IT'S
SOMETIMES
HARD FOR
OTHERS TO
NOTICE, BUT...

WE WERE
ABLE TO
FIND HER,
AFTER ALL.

DO YOU
REALLY
THINK YOU
CAN HELP
HER POWER
FOREVER?

IN THE
FIRST
PLACE, RE-
OVERLOOKING
OF WHAT
YOU AND
YUUKI
THINK.



BUT THAT'S MORE
THAN ENOUGH - HER
POWER SHOULD BE
APPARENT TO
ANYONE WITH A
BRAIN, EVEN PEOPLE
LIKE YOU.

UNFORTUNATELY,
I HAVEN'T BEEN
ABLE TO GET
YUUKI TO TELL
ME WHAT EXACTLY
HAPPENED WITH
THE RECENT
INCIDENT.

ALL WE
HAVE RIGHT
NOW IS CIR-
CUMSTANTIAL
EVIDENCE.

WHICH IS
WHY I'M
HERE.



YOU
CAN KEEP
YUKIRI'S
EYES A
SECRET
FOREVER?

DO YOU
REALLY
THINK

I'LL ASK
YOU AGAIN



WE CAN

WHAT HAPPENS
IF ANOTHER
ORGANIZATION
SEES ONLY TO
USE HER POWERS
FOR THEIR
OWN BENEFITS
APPLYING

CAN YOU
PROTECT
HER THEN?



HAYOU CAN
YOU PROTECT
YUKIRI?

DOES A
PEON LIKE
YOU

JAUNT WAS
CREATED PRECISELY
TO PROTECT
STRAGGERS LIKE
MYSELF AND HIDEAWAY
FROM PEOPLE LIKE
THAT

IT WAS
POWER NO
INDIVIDUAL
CAN



HAVE THAT
SORT OF
POWER?



ALICE
RECENTLY
TOLD HIGASHI
SOMETHING
ALONG THE
SAME LINES

THAT SHE
COULDN'T LIVE
FOREVER

HOW COULD
I REFUSE
SOMETHING I
KNOW MYSELF
TO BE TRUE?



WHAT IF
THEY FIND
SOMEONE
HOSTILE
AGAIN?

IF IT'S MORE
CURIOUSLY,
THEN FINE -
BUT WHAT IF
IT'S MORE
THAN THAT?

EVENTUALLY,
SOMEONE OR
SOMETHING
INTERESTED
IN YUKARI
WILL APPEAR



THAT YOU'LL
BE ABLE TO
PROTECT THEM
"NEXT TIME" AS
WELL?

CAN YOU SAY
FOR SURE



IT'S TOO LATE
ONCE SOMETHING
FATAL HAPPENS

EVEN IF ALICE DID
BUY SOMETHING LIKE
THAT TO YUKARI, I
DON'T BLAME HER
FOR DOING SO

AS YUKARI'S
FRIEND, I'D ONLY
BE AVERTING MY
EYES FROM THE
TRUTH IF I TRIED
TO DENY THAT
SITUATIONS LIKE
THAT COULD
OCCUR





...YOU
HAVE TO
HELP

AT THIS
RATE...

YUKARI IS
GOING TO
DIE...!





HEY I
RECOGNIZED
THE VOICE
WHO TOLD ME
THAT

PERHAPS
WOULD BE



A CALL
THAT COULD
HAVE BEEN
DEFERRABLE...



THE PERSON
AT THE OTHER
END OF THE
RECEIVER...

WAS ME



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BUT FOR
WHATEVER
REASON,
I WAS
CERTAIN
IT WAS
MY OWN

THE VOICE
I HEARD
THROUGH
MY LEFT
HAND
SOUNDED
DIFFERENT
FROM MY
USUAL ONE

WHAT
WAS UP
WITH
THAT
PHONE
CALL?

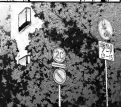


...
NO WAY,
THAT'S CRAZY
TALK

I MUST
JUST BE
STRESSED
OUT FROM
THE STUFF
WITH YUKARI
AND ALICE

AT THIS
RATE,
YUKARI
IS GOING
TO DIE?







DOES IT
CREEP YOU
OUT?

HAYOU,
HOW DO YOU
REALLY FEEL
ABOUT
YUKARI'S
"PEACE-
TION"?



YOU CAN
BE A SUS-
PICION

WHA,
NOT BAD
FOR A
PEON,
HAYOU

NO, IT
DOESN'T

YUKARI'S
EYES ARE
BEAUTIFUL...
I'D DESCRIBE
THEM AS
"GOLD"



THEY ARE
A GIFT
FROM THE
HEAVENS,
OBSERVING
OF PEOPLE'S
BLESSED

YUKARI'S
VIOLET EYES
ARE BEAUTI-
FUL IN THE
WAY THAT
THEY BRING
RICHNESS TO
THE WORLD



I CAN'T
STAND THE
FACT THAT
SHE'S BEEN
FORCED TO
HIDE THEM
ALL THIS
TIME!

AND
THAT'S
WHY!



SHE CAN
BE HER-
SELF
THERE!

SHE
DIDN'T
NEED TO
KEEP HER
EYES A
SECRET
AT JALNI!

WHY??



WHY CAN'T
YUKARI
JUST BE
HERSELF?!

NO ONE
WILL DIS-
CRIMINATE
AGAINST
HER JUST
BECAUSE
OF HER
GIFT

WHAT
YUKARI
NEEDS
RIGHT
NOW IS
JALNI!







I THINK...
I THINK
YOU SHOULD
MADE AT
LEAST
CONSIDER IT

ABOUT
WHAT
ALICE
HAS
BEEN
SAYING...



I MEAN, I'VE
GOT THIS
CELLPHONE
JUST FOR
CHATTING WITH
YOU, RIGHT?

IT
SHOULD
BE EASY
TO KEEP
IN
TOUCH,
EVEN



I CAN COME
VISIT YOU,
YOU IF
NEED BE

BUT YOU'LL
BE ABLE TO
COME BACK
ON HOLIDAYS
AND STUFF,
RIGHT?

IF YOU GO
OVERSEAS, I KNOW
WE'RE NOT
GOING TO
BE ABLE TO
SEE EACH
OTHER ALL
THE TIME



I WON'T
FORGET
ABOUT YOU

ANYWAY,
EVEN IF YOU
DECIDE TO
GO WITH
JUNET



THE FACT
THAT WE'RE
FRIENDS
WOON'T
CHANGE

RIGHT?

NO
MATTER
WHERE
YOU
ARE



KEES FORGOT
ABOUT PROMISES
LIKE THAT
AS SOON
AS SOME-
ONE
MOVES

FRIENDS
FORGIV-
ERS

BUT I
REFUSED
TO BE
LIVE
THAT



NOT
YEAH

YOU'RE
RIGHT

I'M
SUCH A
PHONY

I WANTED
TO KEEP
THINKING WE
COULD STAY
FRIENDS
FOREVER

THINK
ABOUT
IT

AFTER
READING
THAT FROM
ME, OF ALL
PEOPLE

IN THE
END,
YUKARI
MADE UP
HER
MIND...



HOW
COULD
SHE
CHOOSE
ANY-
THING
ELSE?



BECAUSE
OF WHAT I
SAID TO
HER



YENGAH'S
BEST
FRIEND

...





ENDED UP
PRESSURING
HER INTO IT

APPARENTLY
JACK'S
SCHOOL AND
A DORMITORY
WHERE THEY
WOULD BE
LIVING

AFTER
THE THIRD
SEMESTER
ENDED,
YUKARI
AND ALICE
LEFT FOR
JAPAN

EVEN
AFTER THAT,
I KEPT IN
TOUCH WITH
YUKARI
OVER THE
PHONE FOR
A WHILE

APPARENTLY
MY LEFT
HAND'S
PHONE HAND-
LED LONG
DISTANCE
JAPANESE

BUT WE
ENDED UP
REPORTING
TO LETTERS
BECAUSE
OF THE DIS-
FERENCE IN
TIME ZONES

THE VERY FIRST
LETTER SHE
SENT ME WAS
ONE SAYING,
IN A ROUND-
ABOUT WAY,
THAT SHE
PROBABLY

SINCE SHE
WOULD BE
BUSY FOR
A WHILE
UNTIL
THINGS
SETTLED
DOWN

WOULDN'T BE
ABLE TO KEEP
IN TOUCH WITH
ME MUCH





I CAN
DEAL
WITH
IT FOR
YOURSELF'S
SAKE

KEEPING
BUSY IS
A GOOD
THING



I HAVEN'T
GOTTEN
ANOTHER
CALL LIKE
THAT ONE
AGAIN
YET...

WITHOUT
YOU'D TO
CALL ME,
THE
PHONE IS
USELESS,
HUN?





THE
ANSWER
IS OBVI-
OUS - IT
WOULD
CONNECT
THROUGH
TO ME!

THAT'S
RIGHT -
TO ME!



I WONDER
WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN IF
I TRIED
CALLING
MYSELF...?



I JUST
WANTED TO
HEAR MY OWN
VOICE OVER
THE PHONE!

I DIDN'T
SERIOUSLY
THINK I'D
END UP
TALKING
TO THE
PREVIOUS
GALLER



BEFORE I
KNEW IT,
I WAS
ALREADY
CALLING
MYSELF

AND
FINALLY
HAVE SOME
PEACE OF
MIND

THAT WAY I
COULD PROVE
THAT IT
WOULDN'T
REALLY BE
CALLING
ORIGINALLY



I SHOULD HAVE
JUST
GOTTEN
A BUMP
STICK-IL, BUT

HELLO?
YACARRIT?



I WOULD
KNOW
MY OWN
VOICE
JUST
HERE!

HOW??
WHO
ARE
YOU?

...
I'M
THAT
BUT

HOLY
CRAP

I
WAS
ALF
HONORED



...HELLO
AM I
BETTER
JUST
MAKE
SURE

YOU'RE
AM
RIGHT?

NOW I'M
JUST
CONFUSED

AM I
TALKING
WITH
MYSELF?

I ENDED UP
HOLDING A
CONVERSA-
TION WITH
"MYSELF"

JUST AS
I HAD
ACCEPTED
THE EXISTENCE
OF THE
INCIDENT
WITH THE
SERIAL
KILLER

OH,
REAL
LIFE

WHAT WAS
HAPPENING
WAS ABSURD,
BUT I HAD NO
CHOICE BUT
TO ACCEPT IT
AS REALITY

WELL, ACTUALLY,
IT WOULD BE
MORE ACCURATE
TO SAY THAT I
NEVER ENDED UP
TALKING TO THE
"GIRL ME" ONCE
THAT'S A HEARD
CONCEPT THREE



BUT I NEVER
ENDED UP
CONTACTING
THE "GIRL-
ME" CALLED
AGAIN

FROM THEN
ON, I SPENT
HAPPY AFTER-
NOON HANGING
CALLS TO AND
RECEIVING
CALLS FROM
MYSELF

FROM THE
MOMENT A
CALL WENT
THROUGH,
INFORMATION
FROM THE "ME" ON
THE OTHER
END SEEPED
INTO MY
HEAD

NONE OF
US WERE
EXACTLY
THE
SAME

FOR EXAMPLE,
THE "ME" I'M
TALKING WITH
TODAY HAS
SPOKEN WITH
HIM MORE
VERSIONS OF
MYSELF THAN
I HAVE

YOU
WANTED
TO KNOW
THAT'S A
SHOCKING
DISCOVERY

BUT AT THE
SAME TIME,
A "ME" THAT
I SHARED
MY EXPERI-
ENCES AND
KNOWLEDGE
WITH

WHY
WOULD
ANYONE
WANT
TO TALK
TO ME?

IT WAS
ALMOST
AS IF
I HAD
NEVER
SPOKEN
WITH
MYSELF

WELL,
FOR NO
REASON





SOMETIMES
"WE"
COULDN'T
EVEN TELL
WHO WAS
ON WHICH
SIDE - AND AT
THE MOMENT

I KNEW
EXACTLY WHAT
WAS GOING
THROUGH "MY"
MIND ON THE
OTHER END OF
THE PHONE.
BUT IF "I" WAS
ABOUT TO SAY

JUST AS
I HAD
REFUSED
HAD THE
"ORIGINAL"
CALLED WAS
BEFORE
THEY EVEN
SPoke



AFTER I ACCEPTED
IT, ALL OF THE "WE'S"
ON THE OTHER END
OF THE LINE DID, TOO
- IT SEEMED THAT
THE "CURRENT" WE
WAS THE SAME
FOR THE AGENT

AT FIRST,
"WE" WERE
PRETTY BE-
WILDERED BY
THE WHOLE
THING, BUT
IT SOON
BECAME
NATURAL

AN
UNDERSTOOD
AGREEMENT
TO GUESS
CONFUSION

ALL THE
SAME "WE"
ALWAYS
MADE SURE
TO BREAK
OUT LOGIC
TO EACH
OTHER

SHOWING
THAT WE
ALREADY
UNDER-
STOOD EACH
OTHER



YOU KNOW,
WHEN IT'S
THAT THING
THAT YOU MENTIONED - YOU
KNOW, ABOUT
PARALLEL
WORLDS OR
WHATSOEVER

PRESUMING THE AGENT
COULDNT TELL HOW
OUR CURRENT
SITUATION DEVELOP -
HOW IS THIS UN-
DERSTANDING WHERE DID
THE OTHER "WE"
COME FROM?

WE ENTERED
UP DISCUSSING
AND MANY
THINGS INTO
EACH OTHER



OF COURSE, IT WAS ONLY "ME" UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT WAS, THOUGH

THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I ALSO HEARD OF IT, BUT BY THE TIME THE OTHER "ME" PARANOID HER SENTENCE I ALREADY UNDERSTOOD WHAT IT WAS



THERE'S ALSO SOMETHING CALLED THE "PLOT HOLE" THEORY

OR IT COULD BE A DIFFERENT "POSSIBLE" ARE... THE COPENHAGEN INTERPRETATION VERSUS THE ALL-WORLD INTERPRETATION

PLOT HOLE THEORY



RIGHT?

ANYWAY, I'LL GO WITH THE COPENHAGEN INTERPRETATION TO KEEP IT SIMPLE; QUANTA DON'T STABILIZE UNTIL THEY'RE OBSERVED, RIGHT?

NO, IT'S NOT SCIENTIFIC OR ANYTHING, JUST SOMETHING IT CAME UP WITH, SO DON'T TAKE IT TOO SERIOUSLY



WELL, I AGREE BECAUSE THAT IS HOW THAT IS HAPPENING TO "ME"

BUT I GUESS THERE'S NO WAY FOR ME TO COME TO A CONCLUSION IF EVEN A SLICE OF SCIENTIFIC HASN'T MET



BUT IT SO FAR?

BUT SHE'S INCAPABLE OF "OBSERVING" IT AS ANYTHING BUT HER OWN BODY, SO IT'S NO DIFFERENT FROM A REGULAR PERSON'S BODY

SOL TEN-JOYE'S BODY WAS RESEMBLED WITH THE JUNGLE ONE

KEEP GOING!

SHE SAID IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE OF "OUR" LEFT HAND

ACTUALLY THE "ME" I TALKED TO YESTERDAY HAD A THEORY ABOUT THAT



ACCEPT IT
AS BOTH A
CELLPHONE
AND A LEFT
HAND AT
THE SAME
TIME

BUT WHAT
ABOUT MY
UNCLE'S SAID IT,
RIGHT?
THAT I'M AN
ALL-PURPOSE
MODEL WITH
HIGH ADAPTIVE
ABILITY, ABLE
TO USE PE-
RIIPHERALS AND
ALL THAT

THUS,
UNLIKE
TENJOU, I
WAS ABLE
TO ACCEPT
MY LEFT
HAND FOR
WHAT IT
WAS



LIKE
I AM
NOW

AND I'VE
ADAPTED TO
THAT, SO I'M
ABLE TO USE
IT AS BOTH

SO LOOKING
AT IT FROM A
QUANTUM
STANDPOINT,
MY LEFT HAND
IS CURRENTLY
A HAND AND
A CELLPHONE
IN A STATE OF
SUPERPOSITION



AND RECOGNIZ-
TION OF WHICH IS
CORRECT,
THE RE-
SULTS
STREAK
FOR THEM-
SELVES

I HAVE THE
ABILITY TO INTER-
ACT WITH ANOTHER
POSSIBLE "MY-
SELF" MYSELF
FROM A PARALLEL
WORLD AT THE
OTHER END OF
THE LINE

OR POSSIBLY
A CURRENTLY
UNCERTAIN INFINITE
AMOUNT OF PARALLEL
WORLDS THAT HAVE
YET TO LOSE
THEIR COHERENCE,
BORN BY THE
MULTI-WORLDS
THEORY

RIGHT NOW,
MY LEFT HAND IS
POSSIBLY AN
INFINITE AMOUNT
OF FORTHRIGHT
OVERLAPPING,
BORN ON THE
COHERENCE
INTERFERENCE

WH...
I SURE
YOU COULD
BUY THAT
...
BUT NOT

AND SINCE I
ACCEPT THAT IT'S
BOTH OF THEM,
I'M ABLE TO TALK
TO WHATEVER
STAYS STAYS
POSSIBLE "WHAT'S
ON "WHY" FROM A
PARALLEL WORLD,
SINCE I ACCEPT
THEIR EXISTENCE
...I WILL

I MEET
IN OTHER
WORDS,
"I AM" CLAR-
GENTLY
LEaving MY
LEFT HAND
IN BOTH A
HAND AND
A CELL-
PHONE

AND THIS I'M
ABLE TO SPEAK
WITH "WHY" I
WOULD BE
OTHERWISE
UNABLE TO MEET
DUE TO EITHER
MY FUNCTION
COLLAPSE OR
DISCONNECTION

AND IF I'M
TALKING TO A
"POSSIBLE ME,"
THEN THAT
WOULD BE IN
THAT AS SOON
AS I END THE
CALL AND MY
HANDPHONE
"RECONNECT" JUST
A MINUTE, YOU'LL
DIS-APPEAR

UNTIL
IT "RE-
CONNECTS"
...I PHONE
AGAIN



WHY? NOT
AFTER ALL,
I'M THE ONE
WHO MADE THE CA-

I
MADE
THE
CALL,
RIGHT?



YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO
SHOULD
STAY-
PAST!

HEY,
HOLD
ON A
SECOND
WHY
WOULD I
STAY-
PAST?

...
WHY DON'T
WE JUST
GO WITH
THE
PARALLEL-
WORLD'S
THING

NOT
THAT IT'S
EASIER
TO UN-
DER-
STAND

STAY





IT'S
STARTING
TO KIND OF
POKE ME
OFF...
I WONDER IF
THERE IS ANY
HURDLE
LEFT?

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE
IT HELPS WITH
EVERYDAY LIFE OR
ANYTHING, AND
IT'S NOT USEFUL
FOR ANYONE
EXCEPT MYSELF...
I CAN'T USE IT
AROUND OTHER
PEOPLE TO
DEAL WITH

IT'D LIKE TO
BE ABLE TO
USE THE
ABILITY FOR
SOMETHING
BY THE TIME
SHE'S BACK

YES, SHE
WILL, AND I
WOULDN'T
BE HESITANT
IF ALSO
TAGGED
ALONG
WITH HER

OH YEAH,
WILL HURDLE
BE COMING
HOME
DURING THE
HOLIDAYS?

HMM...?



I FELT
JUST A
LITTLE
CLOSER
TO HURDLE

IF
THAT'S
THE
CASE

MAINE
IT'S NOT
SO BAD
...



GOOD
NIGHT

WELL,
GOOD
NIGHT

WE'LL HAVE
SO MUCH
TO TALK
ABOUT
WHEN SHE
GETS BACK



WHA-
DUH



SO MANY
THINGS
I WANT
TO ASK
HER

I HAVE
SO MANY
THINGS I
WANT
HER TO
HEAR



YUKARI'S
MOTHER
WANTS TO
SPEAK
WITH YOU



YUKARI
SAYED
JUST BE
ABLE TO
CALL MY
LEFT HAND



DID
SOME-
THING
HAPPEN?

HER
MOTHER?



YUKARI
DIDN'T
COME
BACK
HOME
OVER THE
SUMMER

NOT
EVEN
HER
CORPSE



THIS IS THE POINT OF NO RETURN

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED

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WHEN THE DUST
CLEARED, ONLY A
FEW PARTS OF
HER BODY WERE
REMAINING



APPARENTLY
AN ACCIDENT
THAT HAD
OCCURRED
DURING AN
EXPERIMENT
THAT WAS
CONDUCTING AND
CLASSIFIED
HUGO'S LIFE

HOW COULD
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS
HAPPEN, THEY
ASKED - SHE
WOULDN'T EVEN
BEEN DEAD
FOR SIX
MONTHS

HER PARENTS
COULDN'T
BELIEVE WHAT
THEY WERE
HEARING,
THEIR JAWES
FLAUNTS
APPARENT



THE DEATH
REPRESENTATIVES
WHO CAME TO
VISIT HUGO'S
PARENTS TOLD
THEM THAT
ANY FURTHER
INFORMATION WAS
CLASSIFIED

WHAT WAS THIS
EXPERIMENT?
WAS IT
CHILDREN
EXPOSED TO
DANGER LIKE
THEY?

YOU CLAIM
IT'S A STATE
SECRET, THAT
YOU CANNOT
COMMENT
FURTHER,
BUT ISN'T IT
VIOLATING
HUMAN RIGHTS

ANYONE WHO
KNOWS OF THIS
WOULD HAVE
FOUND HER
DEATH
SUSPICIOUS, TO SAY
NOTHING OF HER
OWN PARENTS



HER
FATHER
BEGAN
QUESTIONING
THE MEN FROM
DEATH



I WANT TO
KNOW THE
TRUTH, TO
UNDERSTAND
THE ENTIRE
SITUATION, MR.
GAD

APPARENTLY
HUNGER AND FEEL
A BIT SUSPICIOUS ABOUT
THIS, WHICH IS WHY
SHE HAD BEEN
AWAKENING AND MORE
ACQUAINTANCES
WITH GILES UNDER
THE TABLE



ONCE HER
FAMILY
LEARNED OF
HER DEED,
HOWEVER, HE
REFUSED AND
MOVED THEM
HERE

YOUNG'S
FATHER
HAD ONCE
HOLD A HIGH-
RANKING
POSITION IN
THE NATIONAL
POLICE
AGENCY

THEY WERE
CONFIDENT THAT
HE WOULD COME TO
UNDERSTAND THE
SITUATION OF THE
SITUATION



EVENTUALLY, THE
NEW HIGH COURT
ARRIVED TO ALLOW
HUNGER'S FATHER
TO CONDUCT AN
INVESTIGATION
INTO THEIR
ORGANIZATION,
PERHAPS FULFILL
OF HIS INFLUENCE
WITHIN THE ARE

NONE OF HER
CLASSMATES, NOT
EVEN HUNGER, HAD BEEN
INVITED - TURNING BACK
ON IT NOW, HER PARENTS
PROBABLY KNOW ABOUT
WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN
YOUNG AND HUNGER



I DON'T
THINK
LESS OF
THEIR FEAR
NOT IN
LETTING
HER

AND THAT
MOMENT HAD
BEGUN TO
RECOVER FROM
HER TRAGEDY
NOW THAT
YOUNG HAD
LEFT FOR
AMERICA



I WAS THE
ONLY ONE TO
ATTEND HUNGER'S
FUNERAL - THE
REST OF THE
MEMBERS WERE
ALL DEAD, GOVERNMENT AND
POLICE BUTS
JEROME THEM

















AFTER
TELLING ME
THAT I CAN'T
WALK BECAUSE
OF MYSTIC
KUNO, WHY
I COULDN'T



AFTER ALL
THAT CRAP
ABOUT ME
BEING A
FREAK



SHE'S
JUST
GOING TO
RUN
AWAY??

...



WAS IT BECAUSE SHE
FAILED TO PROTECT KUNO?
BECAUSE SHE LEAD KUNO
TO HER DEATH? WASN'T SHE
SUPPOSED TO BE KUNO'S
FRIEND?

HAD
SHE DONE
SOMETHING
BLAME-
WORTHY?

HOW COULD
SOMEONE
SO PRECIOUS
JUST RUN
FROM ME?

RUN FROM
ME LIKE A
SCARED
MOUSE

HAD SHE DONE
SOMETHING
SO FRESH
EVERYONE COULDN'T

IF NOT, WHY
WOULDN'T SHE
RUN FROM ME
LIKE THAT?



BUT AT THE TIME, I
FELT LIKE I WAS
GOING TO LOSE IT
WITHOUT SOMETHING
TO HOLD ON TO,
WITHOUT SOME
MEANS OF
COMBATING THIS
INTOLERABLE
REALITY

I COULD HAVE
REALIZED THAT
HER BEING
UNABLE TO FACE
ME WAS ONLY
NATURAL

IF I HAD BEEN
THINKING MORE
CLEARLY, I
COULD HAVE
REALIZED THAT
ALICE WAS STILL
JUST A CHILD,
NO MATTER HOW
MUCH SHE
DIDN'T ACT LIKE
ONE



I DECIDED
THAT ALICE WAS
NOT FROM ME
BECAUSE SHE
HAD SOMETHING
TO ADD

SO I
MADE UP
MY MIND



SOMETHING
I COULD
FOCUS ON SO
I WOULDN'T
HAVE TO
THINK ABOUT
ANYTHING
ELSE

I NEEDED
SOMETHING
TO FILL MY
EMPTY HEED
WITH

MAYBE
MURDER'S
DEATH WASN'T
AN ACCIDENT

I HAD NO
PROOF, BUT
AT THE SAME
TIME I HAD TO
BELIEVE THAT

I
NEEDED
AN OB-
JECTIVE



NOT
UNTIL I
EXACTLY DISCOVER
WHAT IT IS
YOU HAVE
TO HIDE



BUT I
DON'T LET
YOU ESCAPE

YOU WANT
TO RUN,
ALICE, PERL
FORG



I'LL SAVE
MY TEARS

UNTIL
THEN!



IF SHE'S NOT IN
CHINA, I'LL JUST
HAVE TO FOLLOW
HER TO AMERICA.

I'M GOING
TO CATCH UP TO
ALICE, NO MATTER
WHAT, AND FIND
OUT THE TRUTH.



YOU'RE
RIGHT!

YES, BUT I'M
NOT GOING TO BE
THE ONE CHASING
HER - "WE" WILL.



"WE'RE"
COMING FOR
YOU, ALICE!

YEAH,
THAT'S IT



MY PLAN
WAS TO ASK
HIM TAKE ME
ALONG ON HIS
INVESTIGATION

AFTER
CONSIDERING IT
WITH "MYSELF,"
I DECIDED TO
APPROACH
FATHER'S
FATHER



MY PARENTS
DIDN'T APPROVE
OF ME LEAVING
SCHOOL AND
POSSIBLY RUNNING
AN ORACLE
STORE

HIS
FATHER
DIDN'T
PLEADED
WITH THE
SHE

OF COURSE,
THAT WOULD
MEAN I
WOULD END
UP MISSING
SCHOOL



I ASKED
AT IT

NOT
KNOWING
HOW TO
QUIT



BUT I
REFUSED
TO BODEN





I PROCLAIMED
THAT I KNEW
MORE ABOUT
YOUR THAN
ANYONE ELSE

I WOULD VISIT
YOUR HOME EVERY
DAY AND
APPEAL TO
YOUR FATHER



BUT I WAS
OVERCONFIDENT
THINKING
EVERYTHING
I COULD THINK
OF -- I EVEN
TOLD HIM ABOUT
MY LEFT HAND

OF COURSE,
THAT WOULDN'T
TRAIL

I SAID THINGS
THAT IMPLIED
ABOUT A SECRET
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN YOUR
AND ME, IMPLYING
THAT I WAS
GOING TO CARRY
OUT YOUR WILL

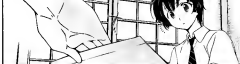


IN THE END,
THE STRIKE THAT
BROKE THE
CASE IS BACK
WAS THE FACT
THAT I MANAGED
TO ACQUIRE A
PASSPORT
APPLICATION



OF COURSE, I
SAID NO
PROSE, SO I
DON'T KNOW IF
HE ACTUALLY
BELIEVED ME





ONE FOR EACH OF THE FAMILY

THESE ARE TICKETS FROM JALART

FIVE IN TOTAL











AHH
!!!



GOD-
DAMMIT!



BLOWING
UP A
GODDAMN
PLANE!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THEM...



AND THEY HAD
NO BLAME ABOUT
DROPPING ME
AND THE INNOCENT
RESIDENTS ON
THE PLANE INTO IT



JAUNT HAD
DISPOSED OF
HUGARY'S FAMILY IN
ORDER TO HAVE AN
INVESTIGATION AND
AVOID ANY TROUBLE
IN THE FUTURE

AND IT WOULDN'T
BE HARD FOR A
BUNCH OF
"GENIUSES" TO
DROPPED SUCH
AN ACT EITHER



NOT HARD TO
BELIEVE, COMING
FROM AN
ORGANIZATION
THAT TAUGHT
CHILDREN TO GO
AROUND CALLING
EVERYONE PEOPLE
"TRONTS"

JAUNT IS
BEHIND IT!

THIS
SETTLES IT

AFTER ALL, THEY
WERE MORE THAN
WILLING TO KILL ME
AND MY FAMILY...
THEY PROBABLY
TRIED TO FORCE
HUGARY TO DO
SOMETHING FOR
THEM, BUT SHE
REFUSED



HUGARY HADN'T
OVERDIED IN AN
ACCIDENT -
JAUNT KILLED
HER

SO
TADY-







AND
UNBELIEVABLY
THEY AGREE

THAT I AM
CAPABLE AND
WOULD BE ABLE
TO INVESTIGATE
FOSTER'S DEATH ON
MY OWN. SO PLEASE
DON'T GO

I TOLD
THEM TO
LET ME
HANDLE
THINGS

HER
PARENTS
WERE
UNWELLING,
BUT I DIDN'T
BACK DOWN



HELLO?

HI... SORRY
ABOUT CALLING
SO LATE...



THIS
WORLD IS -



SO, THERE'S
NO REASON
WE'D BE ON A
PLANE RIGHT
NOW

NO REASON
ANY OF US
WOULD BE
DEAD



"WE" BORN
ALREADY
UNDERSTOOD WHAT
AND WAITED.
THAT'S TO OUR
SHARED MEMORY

DO YOU
FELT IT TOO,
RIGHT?

DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT... NOW,
THE SAME FOR ME,
TOO. BUT WAIT THE
YOUR SECOND PHONE
CALL TODAY?



IT WASN'T
A DREAM

THAT WAS
A WORLD
WHERE "WE"
WENT ALONG
WITH THE
INVESTIGATION

IT SIMPLY
DIDN'T GET
"DETERMINED"

THE POSSIBILITY
OF "US" WENT
ALONG WITH THE
INVESTIGATION



FROM A
PARALLEL
WORLD

A MORE
VIVID
POSSIBILITY



I'M SURE YOUR
TWO WORLDS ARE
DIFFERENT IN SOME
WAYS, BUT IT'S NOT
THAT'S ABOUT RIGHT

THEN YOUR
WORLD IS ONE
WHERE THEY DON'T
GO ON THE
INVESTIGATION



CRIMINALS, RIGHT? I CAN'T
BELIEVE THE WAY
FROM THEN FAILED
TO PICK UP ON THIS,
WHAT A FOOL

YOU'RE
RIGHT

I AGREE



YEAH, THEY'RE
NUTS... THINKING BACK
ON IT, ALSO ADD A SLASH
OF CRAZY STUFF ABOUT
BEING ABLE TO CHANGE
THE WORLD OR SOMETHING

I DON'T THINK
ALICE DID IT, I'M
JUST SAYING. JAMIE
IS PUTTING IDEAS
LIKE THAT INTO
A KID'S HEAD



HAHA
JAMIE IS
EVEN WORSE
THAN I
THOUGHT

I CAN'T
BELIEVE THEY'D
BLOW UP A
PASSENGER
PLANE JUST TO
GET RID OF
US...





I HAVE
AN INFINITE
ARMY OF
"MYSELF" ...

AN INFINITE
AMOUNT OF
WORLDS!
AN INFINITE
AMOUNT OF
POSSIBILITIES!



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THERE WERE A
NUMBER OF RE-
STRIC-
TIONS

I HAD TO
DEAL WITH
HOBIN LOOSING
THE "CELL-
PHONE" IN
MY LEFT
HAND



BUT I
COULDN'T
USE IT AT ALL
IF I HADN'T
BY MYSELF

AT FIRST, I
HAD ONLY BEEN
ABLE TO USE IT
AT NIGHT, BUT
NOW I COULD
USE IT AS LONG
AS IT WAS
SOMEWHERE
REASONABLY
DARK



OBVIOUSLY, A CELL-
PHONE IS GOING TO
REQUIRE ELECTRICITY
TO RUN ON, AND IN
MY CASE IT TURNED
TO BE USING MY
OWN ENERGY

ONCE, I
ACTUALLY
PASSED OUT
FROM HOW
WEAKLY I
GOT WHILE
TALKING TO
YUKARI

THE
WORST
PART,
THOUGH,
WAS HOW
MUCH
ENERGY
IT USED



I ENDED UP
ASKING
YUKARI
COME OVER
AND HELP
ME OUT
AGAIN



SINCE IT WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE A
MIME, APPARENTLY
USING IT AS A CELL-
PHONE PUT QUITE THE
STRAIN ON MY BODY - I
ENDED UP LOSING TWO
POUNDS OVER JUST
TWO HOURS

SINCE THEN,
I'VE KEPT
SWEET CANDY
AND MIMET IN
MY ROOM FOR
WHEN I'M
USING THE
PHONE



GAH-
GAH



TRY NOT TO
GO OVER-
BOARDED WITH
THE PHONE,
OKAY?

IS EV-
ERYTHING
THAT I'M
CAPABLE
OF DONE?

ALL I'M
GOING TO
DO



DON'T
WORRY,
I WON'T

YUKARI

"LIGHT WILL ALWAYS TAKE THE PATHWAY BETWEEN TWO POINTS RESULTING IN THE LEAST AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT REACHING ITS DESTINATION," RIGHT?

NO, IT WAS FERMAT'S PRINCIPLE. COME ON

HEY, DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT THINKING WAS ABOUT THE PROPERTIES OF LIGHT?

WELL, WELL IT CALLED, FERMAT'S THEOREM

SINCE A STRAIGHT LINE WILL ALWAYS BE THE SHORTEST

IF THERE IS NOTHING IN BETWEEN THE TWO POINTS IT WILL PROCEED IN A STRAIGHT LINE

YOU MIGHT FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT ONE OF LIGHT'S PROPERTIES IS THAT IT WILL ALWAYS TAKE THE SHORTEST PATH TO ITS DESTINATION

SINCE IT WILL TRAVERSE THROUGH WATER MORE SLOWLY, LIGHT WILL UTILIZE REFRACTION IN ORDER TO TAKE A PATHWAY THAT TRAVELS THROUGH WATER AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE, WHILE ALSO AVOIDING EXCESSIVE TRAVEL THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE

BUT IF THERE'S SOMETHING IN ITS WAY, LIKE WATER, ATMOSPHERE, OR GRAVITY, THINGS ARE DIFFERENT



BUT YOU ALSO
WOULDN'T WANT
TO GO TOO FAR
OUT OF YOUR
WAY JUST TO
AVOID THE
TRAFFIC. LEAST
IT TAKE EVEN
LONGER THAN IT
WOULD ALREADY

EVEN IF
IT WERE THE
SHORTEST
PATH TO YOUR
DESTINATION,
YOU WOULDN'T
WANT TO GET IN
SLOW-MOVING
TRAFFIC

THINK OF
WAVING
BEFORE
CONSIDER-
ING STREET
IN YOUR
JOURNALS

AND
THAT'S
MORE
OR LESS
PRINCIPLE OF
FISHERMAN

IN OTHER WORDS,
YOU'D TRY TO AVOID
TRAFFIC AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE WITHOUT
TAKING TOO MANY
DETOURS IN
THE PROCESS

WHAT IS AN EXPERT
AT DOING THAT

LIGHT IS
CAPABLE
OF FIND-
ING THE
SHORTEST
PATH IN AN
INSTANT

BUT
WHY?

AND NOT JUST ITS
DESTINATION -
IT KNOWS WHAT
TRANSMISSION
MEDIA ARE IN ITS
WAY AND HOW IT
NEEDS TO REFLECT
AND REFRACT IN
ORDER TO TAKE THE
SHORTEST ROUTE

WHAT'S NEW
ABOUT THIS
PRINCIPLE IS
THE FACT
THAT IT
WOULD IMPLY
THAT LIGHT
KNOWS ITS
DESTINATION
TO BEGIN
WITH



WILL INTER-
FERE WITH
EACH OTHER
AND CANCEL
EACH OTHER
OUT

DISTANCES
OF LIGHT
THAT END
UP TAKING
JUST WITH
OTHER FORM
THE SHORTEST
BUT NOT
BETWEEN
TWO POINTS

THIS IS AN
EXPLANATION
USING
QUANTUM
PHYSICS



THIS MAKING
IT LOOK
LIKE LIGHT
IS ALWAYS
CHOOSING
THE ROUTE

RESULTING
IN ONLY THE
SHORTEST PATH
TO THE LIGHT'S
DESTINATION
BEHAVING

BASICALLY, LIGHT
ISN'T CHOOSING
JUST THE
SHORTEST PATH -
IT'S TAKING EVERY
POSSIBLE PATH AT
THE SAME TIME

MEANING THAT
LIGHT IS ALSO
CAPABLE OF
INTERFERING WITH
ALTERNATE
WAVELENGTH
POSSIBILITIES

AND USING
ITS QUANTUM
PROPERTIES, LIGHT
FIGURED OUT
ONLY THE CORRECT
ANSWER TO THE
QUESTION OF THE
SHORTEST ROUTE
BEHAVING IN
THE END

THAT'S
HOW LIGHT
BEHAVES
VIEWED
FROM A
QUANTUM
PERSPECTIVE

LIGHT IS
ALSO A TYPE
OF QUANTA,
POSSESSING
PROPERTIES OF
BOTH WAVES
AND PARTICLES

GET IT?



ALL I
HAVE
TO DO

IS MAKE
REACHING
ALICE MY
GOAL



ALL I NEED
TO WORRY
ABOUT IS
TAKING THE
SHORTEST
PATH TO
MY GOAL

I'LL
BECOME
LIKE
LIGHT
ITSELF



SEEKING
HER IN
EVERY
WORLD

EVERY
VERSION
OF "ME"
WILL LOOK
FOR ALICE

BECAUSE
"WE" CAN
INTERFERE
WITH EACH
OTHER
THANKS TO
THIS "CELL-
PHONE"

I HAVE
INFINITE
POSSIBILI-
TIES/WORLDS
ON MY SIDE

IT DOESN'T
MATTER
HOW BIG
OR HOW
THREATEN-
ING I AM
MIGHT BE

SO I
NEEDN'T
WORRY
EITHER

WHAT
DOESN'T
NEED TO
WORRY
ABOUT
FINDING THE
FASTEST
PATH, IT
SIMPLY
DOES

I JUST
NEED TO
DEDICATE MY
EVERYTHING
TO REACHING
MY GOAL



WHILE THE
ONE WHO
DIDN'T
REMAINED

JUST AS
THE "ME"
WHO DIED
ON THE
PLANE
VANISHED





WILL
SURVIVE
IN THE
END

ONLY THE
CORRECT
ANSWER



FOR NOW,
I'LL FOCUS
ON BLANCH
AND ALICE

THAT'S
RIGHT,
FOR
NOW



THAT ANSWER
WAS PROBABLY
AS MUCH OF A
POISON TO ME
AS IT WAS A
REMEDY, BUT,
AS ALWAYS, I
MANAGED
TO ADAPT

AT
THIS
POINT

OPERATIVE
BASED ON
ANDER GAVE
WITH ITS
PRICE TO PAY,
BUT I JUST
NEEDED SOME
WAY TO KEEP
REVELLA
TOGETHER

I FOUND
ANDER TO
BE THE
MOST
EFFECTIVE
WAY OF
CONQUER-
ING MY
ENEMY

ALREADY
QUIT BEING
"HAYOU
MANABU"

I HAD
PROBABLY





ONCE
OR
THREE



I DID
FALL IN
LOVE

BUT
THROUGH
IT ALL

I WOULDN'T
SPOKE
WHEN WE
WENT OUR
SEPARATE
WAYS

IT FELT
LIKE
LOVE.
AT
LEAST

BUT HE
NEVER
GOT
MARRIED

I NEVER
LOST
SIGHT OF
MY GOAL



ONCE, I
RACED UP
DESTRUCTING
MY HEALTH
THROUGH
VOLUNTARY
BLOOD

I FAILED
IN ONE
RELATION-
SHIP, ONLY
TO FIND
ANOTHER



I DISTILLED
FROM COL-
LORE AND
BECAME A
PROFESSOR



ONCE, I
FOUND
MYSELF
BEGINNING
TO DIE
AFTER
MANY
CHILDREN
PLAY



IN ANOTHER
END, I DIED
AT AGE 15

I LIVED TO
AGE 47 IN
ONE WORLD



MOST OF
THE TIME
I WOULD
MURDERED

I DIED AT
15 GIVEN
TAKEN AND
AT 15 THREE
TAKEN



ANYONE
FROM
SOMEWHERE
WHERE YOU
HAD TO BE
ABLE TO
PROTECT
YOURSELF

IT WASN'T
SOMETHING
A GIRL
SHOULD
HAVE
ATTEMPTED

I STAYED
AWAY ON
A SHIP
BOUND
FOR A
FOREIGN
COUNTRY
ONCE



AND
HOW TO
DEFEND
MYSELF



I
LEARNED
HOW TO
FIRE A
GUN



IN THE
END, YOU
CAN ONLY
COUNT ON
YOUR OWN
STRENGTH



FOR THE
FIRST TIME, I
FOUND MYSELF
GRATEFUL FOR
THE FACT
THAT I HAD
PRACTICED
MARTIAL
ARTS
CONTINUALLY
SINCE I WAS A
CHILD, UP TO
THIS VERY DAY

OF COURSE
AT THE TIME,
I DIDN'T
REALIZE THE
CONTRADICTION
INHERENT
IN THIS...



BUT IT WAS
A STRANGE
FEELING,
FINALLY BEING
ABLE TO
APPRECIATE
ALL OF THAT
TRAINING

AND ANOTHER
ONE WHO WENT
TO COLLEGE
IN JAPAN,
WROTE TO
REVEAL THEIR
DESTRUCTION



ANOTHER
ONE WHO
TRAVEL-
LED
OVERSEAS
IN BOON
JAP "I
BEAT THE
MIDDLE
SCHOOL



THAT WAS
A VERSION
OF "BET"
WHO WENT
TO AMERICA
WITH HIS
PARENTS



BUT EVEN
THAT, MY
BOSS WENT
EVERYTHING
TO ME



SOMETHING
IT ALL GOT
FOR MUCH
TO WORSHIP

IT WAS
RARELY
FORWARD,
IF YOU CAN
BELIEVE IT



I FELL IN
LOVE AGAIN,
WANTING
SOMEONE
TO DEPEND
ON



IN THE
END,
WE
BROKE
UP

I WAS
A LITTLE
SURPRISED
WHEN I
LEARNED HE
AND BECK
WENT OUT
WITH SOMEONE
BEFORE ME

ALL OF
THAT
WAS
"MY" LIFE

I ENDED
UP DATING
KARTO!



ALWAYS
THAT IT
WOULDN'T
LEAD TO
ANYTHING
MEANING-
FUL

SOMEONE
ONCE QUESTI-
TIONED THE
PURPOSE IN
PERSISTING
QUALIA



QUALIA
ARE WHAT
GIVES LIFE
MEANING IN
THE FIRST
PLACE

BUT SOME-
ONE ELSE
ANSWERED
WITH THIS



AS I LOOKED BACK
ON MY MANY
DIFFERENT LIVES,
I REALIZED I HAD
BEEN SATISFIED
WITH THEM

BUT IN THE
END, ALL OF
MY LIVES
WERE OVER
WORTH
LIVING



EACH
WORLD
HAD ITS
OWN PAIR
SHADE OF
HEROES

THINGS
AUN'T
ALWAYS
GONE MY
WAY



SO I
NEVER
HEBITATED
TO THROW
IT ALL
AWAY



IF "I"
COULDN'T
REACH THAT
GOAL, THEN
"I" WAS
WORTH-
LESS

A MORE
POSSI-
BILITY



BUT
I HAD
A GOAL





THAT
SOMETHING
ABOUT THIS
SITUATION
WAS
AWAYKEN

THINK-
ING
ABOUT
IT

I HAD
REAL-
IZED AT
SOME
POINT



BUT I
COULD NO
LONGER
STOP



THE WORLD
THAT ENDED
UP BEING
GIVEN WAS
ONE WHERE I
TOLD SAUNT
ABOUT MY
LEFT HAND

COMING
ACROSS AS
SOMEONE
WHO WAS
TRYING TO
COME TO
TERMS WITH
MURDER'S
DEATH AND
HOW
FORWARD

I PUT
ON AN
ACT
FOR
THEM

I GOT IN
CONTACT
WITH
JANET
AFTER
MURDER'S
FUNERAL



OBVIOUSLY, JANET KNEW
ALL ABOUT
HER EYES, SO
THEY WERE
SURE IN
COMING TO
CONFIRM MY
CLAIMS

SOMEONE
WHO WAS
STRUGGLING
WITH HER OWN
POWER
BROUGHT
UPON BY
MURDER'S
PURPLE EYES



I COULDN'T
USE MY
CELLPHONE
IN FRONT OF
OTHERS, SO
I HAD THEM
PERFORM
A BODY
SEARCH

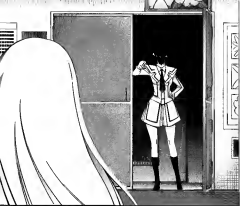
AND THEN
USED IT
FROM
INSIDE
AN EMPTY
CONTAINER



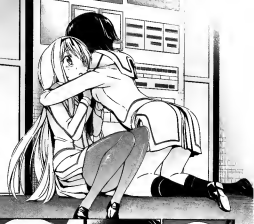


THIS WAS
CLEARLY THE
SHORTEST
WAY TO
REACHING MY
DESTINATION











BUT IT
WASN'T
EASY TO
GET THE
FULL STORY
OUT OF HER

I HAD
FINALLY
REACHED
MY "GOAL"
- ALICE



IN MY
MANY
TRAVELS
ACROSS
WORLDS

I HAD
ALREADY
CROWNED
A ONE
BOMB-WOMAN



IN
ANOTHER
WORLD, I
HURLED
GUTTED HER
WITH
VIOLENCE



IN ONE
WORLD, I
PLEADED
WITH HER



THERE WERE
EVEN A
WORLD
WHERE I
TOOK TO
SIMPLY
REVEALING AN
UNKNOWN
HER



IN ONE
WORLD, I
ASKED
FOR HER
HELP

IN
ANOTHER,
I THREAT-
ENED HER



BUT THERE
WERE ALL
UNDEIR-
ABLE "POS-
SIBILITIES"



I HAD NEVER
DREADED "I"
WOULD BE
ABLE TO DO
THINGS
LIKE THIS



TO A WORLD
WHERE I
MANAGED TO
CONVINCE
ALICE

AND IT
WAS THOSE
"POSSIBILI-
TIES" THAT
LED ME
HERE



AND JUST AS I
HAD MANAGED
VAGARI REFUSED
TO COOPERATE
WITH THEM,
LEADING JAUNT
TO FORCE HER TO
COOPERATE
THROUGH
CONDUCTING AN
"EXPERIMENT"
ON HER

JAUNT HAD
NEVER BEEN
CONCERNED WITH
PROTECTING
HISGARI - THEY
SIMPLY WANTED
TO USE HER
EYES FOR A
"CERTAIN
PURPOSE"

ALICE
DIDN'T
KNOW
WHAT IT
WAS

IT WOULDN'T LONG
BEFORE YOUR
"BROKE,"
LEAVING THE
RESEARCHERS
TO DECIDE TO
SIMPLY DISSECT
HER FOR
FURTHER STUDY

BUT THAT
DIDN'T COUNT
ON YOUR
BEING SO
HEAVY, EVEN
COMPARED TO
A NORMAL
CHILD

THEY
PRESERVED
YOUR BRAIN
IN A LOT OF
FORMALIN FLUID

JUST
LIKE WITH
DISSECTION





I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY



I
KNOW ALL
THERE IS
TO KNOW

...
DON'T
WORRY,
ALICE



SO I'LL
FORGIVE
YOU IN
THIS
WORLD,

LOVE
YOU IN
ANOTHER
WORLD,

AND
HATE YOU
IN YET
ANOTHER

IN ONE WORLD
I'LL BE THERE
FOR YOU. IN
ANOTHER I'LL
PUSH YOU
AWAY. I'LL
SUPPORT YOU.
I'LL DESTROY
YOU. I'LL
BETRAY YOU
AND LOVE YOU



I KNOW
ABOUT THE
NAME "ALICE,"
AND I KNOW
ABOUT YOUR
MOTHER TOO

I KNOW
HOW PROUD
YOU ARE.
WHAT I W-
I WANTED TO
TALK TO YOU IN THE
PAST,

JUST HOW
KIND YOU
REALLY ARE.

HOW YOU
TRIED YOUR
BEST TO
PROTECT
YOURSELF

BUT
COULDN'T,
IN THE
END

MY
NEW
GOAL

FOR
THE
SAKE OF
REACHING



AND SEEK
OUT THE
PEOPLE WHO
DID THIS AND
ASK THEM

I'LL
RECOVER
WHAT'S LEFT
OF YUKARI'S
BODY, NO
MATTER
HOW SMALL



MAKE
THEM
TELL ME

EXACTLY
HOW AND
WHEN
YUKARI
DIED



I'LL VISIT
UPON
YOU THE
UTMOST
SUFFERING

WITH THE
INFINITE
POSSIBILI-
TIES OF
INFINITE
WORLDS





*I ACT
ONCE
MORE IN
IMITATION
OF LIGHT*

TO BE CONTINUED...

I PLAYFULLY
ASKED YUKARI
WHAT KIND OF
BOY WAS
HER TYPE.

ONE DAY,
DURING
LUNCH,



extra:01







WELL, IT'S NOT JUST MEN...



UM...

HUH?

I THINK DRILLS ARE TOTALLY ROMANTIC AND ADVENTUROUS, TOO!





HUH...

SO
ROMAN-
TIC!!
♡



AND THAT'S
JUST...

WHEN YOU
GET RIGHT
DOWN TO IT,
DRILLS ARE
ACTUALLY
TOOLS FOR
EXCAVATION.



YOU'VE
GOT IT
ALL
WRONG!

WAH!

...I DON'T
TOTALLY
GET IT, BUT
DOESN'T THAT
MEAN HE'S
KIND OF
DANGEROUS?

DRILLS ARE
DEADLY
WEAPONS,
RIGHT?



THE
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT'S
IS ALMOST
AS GOOD,
THOUGH.

THERE ARE
OTHER
PEOPLE
WITH
DRILLS,
TOO, BUT
KASOKU-
KUN'S
REALLY IS
THE BEST.



HMM...

HERS IS THE
OPPOSITE OF
KASOKU-KUN'S.
IT'S ALWAYS
SPINNING SO
AMAZINGLY FAST
THAT IT LOOKS
LIKE IT'S NOT
MOVING AT ALL.

IT'S LIKE A
FANG MADE
OF ICE.
IT'S SO
COOL —
WHEN I'M
STANDING
IN FRONT
OF HER,
I ALWAYS
GET SO
NERVOUS.

YEAH!



THE
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT?
SHE'S GOT
ONE TOO?

A GIRL
WITH
'A MAN'S
ROMANCE?'



extra:02

MY FRIEND,
MARI! YUKARI,
SAYS THAT
SHE SEES
HUMANS
AS ROBOTS.

TODAY, TENJOU
NANAMI, WHO
(SUPPOSEDLY?)
CAN'T STAND
THAT ABOUT
HER, SAID
SOME STRANGE
THINGS AGAIN.



TO THE
EXTENT
THAT MARI
PERCEIVES
US, WE ARE
BOTH HUMANS
AND ROBOTS.

LET'S
SAY WE
CONCEDE
THAT.

OKAY?
SO PUTTING
ASIDE
QUANTUM
PHYSICS
OR WHATEVER
FOR NOW...



Uh-huh...

ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT,
MARI?!

THINGS LIKE
SHOOTING
BEAMS FROM
OUR EYES,
OR FLYING
THROUGH
THE SKY —
FROM MARI'S
POINT OF VIEW,
THESE SHOULD
BE POSSIBLE,
RIGHT?

IN THAT
CASE,
THERE
OUGHT TO
BE THINGS
THAT WE
COULD
ONLY DO
IF WE WERE
ROBOTS.



